

Dr. Orra was born in Baka Valley, Lebanon. His dedication to his family and to our most vulnerable citizens remained unwavering throughout his life. Dr. Orra's vision and innovation led him to the practice of specialized medical treatments including holistic methods. He was the CEO of four clinics that infused holistic and traditional medical care. His medical expertise was surpassed only by his compassion for others. Dr. Orra's kind demeanor and quick smile easily drew others to him, and most significantly, he was a light of hope and well being for families, children and senior citizens who struggled daily against a tide of poverty and homelessness on Cleveland's West side.

Dr. Orra regularly provided free medical services to low-income individuals and families, free of charge. He offered respect and dedicated attention to every patient, regardless of the person's station in life. Dr. Orra's generosity and vision extended throughout Cleveland's Arab community. Throughout his volunteer tenure with AACCESS-Ohio Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Dr. Orra was instrumental in helping the organization expand its services, which now include programs assisting immigrant and low-income families.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Dr. Mahmoud "Michael" Orra, whose energetic spirit, boundless vision and expansive heart has served to uplift the lives of countless families and individuals throughout our community. I extend my deepest condolences to Dr. Orra's wife, Amne Youssef; to his children, Muna, Leana and Michael; and to his brother, Dr. Abdul Orra. Dr. Orra's legacy of faith, family and community will forever reflect within the hearts of his family and friends, and will continue on as a source of personal hope, healing and strength, where none existed before.

TRIBUTE TO BEN KININGHAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a reporter in my home State of Illinois. While it may be unusual for a Member of Congress to praise a member of the media, I do so with pride and respect.

Ben Kiningham has covered politics and government longer than I have been involved. He is one of the few reporters who have indeed covered my entire career, covering my first unsuccessful race for Congress and subsequent successful ones.

Mr. Kiningham retired January 31, 2006, from the Illinois Radio Network after a 40 year radio news career. His first radio job was with WTAX in Springfield, Ill, in 1966. That station purchased what later became the Illinois Radio Network in 1974, and he became its State House bureau chief.

Mr. Kiningham has covered Illinois governors from Otto Kerner to Rod Blagojevich. He has reported on the good side of Illinois politics and the bad side.

Mr. Kiningham has been recognized with the lifetime achievement award from the Illinois News Broadcasters Association, as well as numerous other awards for his work.

Mr. Kiningham is respected by coworkers, former colleagues, and even those of us he has covered over the years. He may have tried to get a scoop or catch us in our own words, but he was always respectful and fair. What more can you say about a reporter?

Thank you, Ben, for your hard work in gathering the news for us Illinoisans.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH BRYANT RAYNOR, JR.

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, January 29, Camp Ground United Methodist Church held a special celebration to honor the life and service of Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. I rise today to join the pastor, staff, members, and friends of Camp Ground to pay tribute to this fine public servant for his 22 years of work as a State representative and senator. Senator Raynor's tremendous spirit, dedication and work as an elected official and member of the Fayetteville, NC, community has positively impacted citizens and communities and will live on in the hearts and minds of generations to come.

Born and raised in Fayetteville, Senator Raynor demonstrated his strong work ethic from a very early age. During high school, he worked as a bagger at Efrids Department Store. Following graduation, Joe went to work as a stockroom clerk at Hunter Brothers Appliance Store and then as a ticket agent with the Queen City Coach Company. In 1946, he joined his uncle's tire business where his hard work paid off. Just 6 years after joining the family business, Joe was able to buy his uncle's interest and assume ownership of the company. More than 60 years later, Raynor Supply Company continues to thrive.

Senator Raynor began his memorable career in public service in 1965 when he successfully ran for the North Carolina State Legislature. During his public career, Senator Raynor championed many important issues, including mental health, veterans and law enforcement. Senator Raynor was largely responsible for establishing a State-run veterans' assisted living facility in Fayetteville, the Cumberland County Mental Health Center, and a program to help families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Throughout his career, Senator Raynor held numerous membership and leadership positions. He served on the Commission for the Study of Alcoholism and the Commission for the Study of Mental Retardation and Mental Health. He was the chairman of the North Carolina House and Senate Committee on Mental Health, the Senate Committee on Law Enforcement, and the Cumberland County Board of Elections. Additionally, he was appointed a Cumberland County special deputy sheriff under four administrations.

From his service as both a State representative and senator to local businessman to active member of Camp Ground United Methodist Church to devoted husband, father and friend, Joe Raynor has truly been a foundation on which Fayetteville and Cumberland County have continued to flourish. Service to others has been the embodiment of Senator Raynor's

life—service that sets a path for others to follow and that we should all emulate.

As we approach President's Day, let each of us remember the words of a great President, Thomas Jefferson, who said, "To do our fellow man the most good, we must lead where we can, follow where we cannot, and still go with him always watching for that favorable moment to help him another step forward!"

We thank Senator Raynor, on behalf of the citizens of southeastern North Carolina, for always looking for that favorable moment and always helping his fellow citizens. May God's strength, joy and peace be with him always.

CONGRATULATING BETTE SHERMAN ON DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Bette Sherman of Denton, TX, on receiving the Longhorn Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award for this year.

Ms. Sherman served as chairwoman and chief executive officer of First Colonial Investment Services, and senior vice president of First Colonial Bankshares. After retirement, she moved back to Denton alongside her husband, and they established Sherman Enterprises.

Bette is on the board of the Denton Benefit League, Salvation Army and Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. She cochairs the annual luncheon for the American Cancer Society and is a member of the Ariel Club, Denton Humane Society, the Arts Guild and National Society of Magna Charta Dames. She has been chairwoman of the Denton Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Denton Main Street Association and Greater Denton Arts Council.

The Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America serves more than 40,000 youths with scouting programs in central and north Texas. More than 15,000 adults volunteer to help with the programs. This prestigious award is given to members of the community whose leadership focuses on volunteerism.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Bette Sherman for receiving the Longhorn Boy Scout of America Distinguished Citizen Award. Her contributions and service to the Denton community should inspire us all.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY LEHMANN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mary Lehmann, whose joyous life was framed by family, community and giving to others. Her passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, yet her good works, generous spirit and energy for life will never be forgotten.

Born to Italian and German immigrants, Ms. Lehmann's parents instilled within her the significance of family, faith and community. The